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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Williamson County Highway Department facility at 302 Beasley Drive in Franklin, TN. Commission members present were: County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson; Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Stan Tyson, Wayne Davis and Dick Fowlkes.

Also present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Joe Horne, Community Development Office; William Andrews and Floyd Heflin, Engineering; David Coleman and Nena Graham, Budget and Accounting; Elaine Vasquez, Greg Boll, and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; Bobby Cook, County Attorney, Buerger, Moseley & Carson; Jeff Hammond, RPM & Associates; Carol Edwards, County Mayor's Office; and other interested individuals.

Chair Rogers Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the November 2, 2011 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: There were none.

Citizens Communication: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on Policies for Accepting Roads. Mr. Cook explained that he had worked with Planning Department Attorney Kristi Ransom and that her changes concerning Planning Commission's role in adopting subdivision roads had been implemented in the final version of the "Subdivision Road Acceptance Bond Policy" (Attachment A). Supt. Hood stated that he thought it was a good policy. Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the policy as presented effective 1/1/2012, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 1-12-1. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN CAYCE SPRINGS ESTATE AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF CAYCE CREEK LANE. Supt. Hood and Mr. Andrews gave their staff recommendations for approval. Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS, ROADS, FIRE PROTECTION AND RECREATION. Supt. Hood explained that this is the annual Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years as required by the Privilege Tax Private Act. Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Discussion of Alternate Date for July Highway Commission meeting. Chair Anderson explained that the July 2012 Highway Commission meeting falls on the July 4th holiday. It was agreed that the meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, July 5, 2012.

Williamson County Major Thoroughfare Plan Update Recommendations. Mr. Horne introduced Jeff Hammond of RPM and Associates who gave a brief slide presentation highlighting the Major Thoroughfare Plan Update Recommendations (Attachment B). Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval of the plan, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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Extension of Pratt Lane. Supt. Hood stated that some residents of Pratt Lane signed a petition to have a private dead end road accepted into the County Highway System. All of the residents have signed a petition and agreed to grant the County a right-of-way, with the exception of one property owner. Because the road is a private dead-end road, Supt. Hood stated, the road cannot be accepted at this time because they do not meet the requirements.

Commissioner Tyson asked if there were any issues with school buses using this private road. Mr. Cook stated that basically it was the same as a long driveway, and the County generally is not liable for injury on private driveways but that he would contact the School Transportation Department Director.

Supt. Hood stated that the residents of this road are all relatives, so the issue may come back for further consideration.

Highway Commission District Reports: There were no reports.

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood referenced the November 2011 Activity Report. Also, he stated that a resident of Brookside Drive, Christine Dunn, had inquired about the possibility of lowering the speed limit or putting in a four way stop to help slow down speeders in the area. The area residents are not in a position to pay for speed tables. Supt. Hood stated that the Highway Commission had already rejected a previous request for the four-way stop. A request to lower the speed limit on Brookside Drive would have to be sponsored by a County Commissioner in the district, he concluded.

Highway Chairman Report: The chair had no report, but asked Mr. Boll to give a refresher on the different road classifications. Mr. Boll stated that the classifications were as follows:

Class 1: 28' wide to 40' and above Class 2: 24' wide to less than 28' Class 3: 20' wide to less than 24' Class 4: 18' wide to less than 20'

Legal Issues: There were none.

Convenience Center was in bad shape and asked who was responsible for maintaining it. Chair Anderson stated that it was under the jurisdiction of the Landfill/Solid Waste Department and asked Mrs. Edwards to contact the Director, Nancy Zion, to see what could be done to improve it. Mr. Coleman stated that the Solid Waste Department would like to enlarge and pave the parking lot, but they are waiting on the Town of Thompson's Station to run sewer lines first.

Supt. Hood wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:06 a.m.

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Rogers C. Anderson Chairman and County Mayor